



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7099.1579

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

)

;

 $10 = 16 - 01$ 

;

Examiner: Unassigned

;

;

RECEIVED

MAY 29 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Technology Center 2100

Sir:

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /C.G./

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

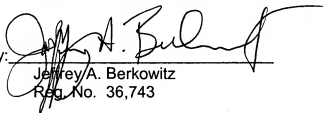
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: May 24, 2001

By:



Jeffrey A. Berkowitz  
Reg. No. 36,743


**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION**  
 (Use several sheets if necessary)

OMB N . 0651-0011

Atty. Docket No. 7099-1899	Serial No. 09/779,973
Applicants Rodney D. MILLER et al.	
Filing Date February 9, 2001	Group: 2161

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate

RECEIVED

MAY 29 2001

Technology Center 2100

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
WO 00/58892	10/05/2000	PCT			

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

Pending Patent Application, Serial No. 09/661,554, filed September 14, 2000

Examiner /Clement Graham/	Date Considered 08/04/2008
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce